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CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH THE ADVENTURER SOLDIER AND EXPLORER.

Previous to the year 1608 no human eye had ever rested on the broad tide and fair landscapes of the upper Po omac, save that of the wild and roving red man. In the spring of that year, the adventurous and intrepid discoverer, Captain John Smith, in an open b.rge of less than three tons, accompanied by fourteen chosen men, left the newly planted colony of Jamestown on a voyage along the shores of Chesapake bay. On the 16th of June they discovered the Potomac river. Pro-ceeding up the stream about thirty miles they landed on the Virginia shore, but the hostile reception they not from the natives at that point forced them back to their boat. Not dismayed, however, by this treatment the explorers continued on in their course, touching at various points for reached the Great Falls, a few miles beyond the site of Washington city.

Captain Smith and his men were de-Captain Smith and his men were designted by the deep, broad, flowing liver, its bor lering forests of every and of useful timber, its numerous outflowing creeks and the abundance of sweet springs everywhere pouring down from the shores. The fish were so plenty as to be readily taken with basket and spear all about the barge. Indian canoes came along side lader with meat of bear and deer and wild fowl, and wild fruits were found in pro iusion. The natives from their various settlements came down to meet the friendly greetings, and to furnish them with corn and other supplies Every thing around them proclaimed that the new region must be a most desirable one for the planting of English colo nists. It was without doubt a land of plenty they thought, for little toiling. I soul, deep and rich, would produce a hundred fold; its climate was genial and fragments of shining metal which they found in the river's sands and cliffs created in their minds the belief that they had found the veritable Pactolus

tions and indomitable energies the pos bilities which he had contemplated must have filled his being with high resolves and mopes for his future career. No one of the early American explorers and piohe conditions needed for successf. 1 colonization, or a broader comprehersion of the unrivaled facilities afforded for civilized empire by the new world; and there may have been some glimmerings of the wondrous future float tog in his vision. But as he surveyed from his little bark the interminable forests of the uplands, and the expanse of waters cleft only by the frail cance of the strange and savage people he hardly dreamed that two and a half centuries hence, by the tide of that same lonely, wilderness river, the capital of "time's greatest empire," was to be so superbly enthroned.

Captain Smith had carefully noted in his journals all the important circum stances of his voyage and had accuratewith its creeks and inlets, and both

lineator. Captain John Smith was afterwards t te most prominent man and the leading spirit in the first company of English co'o lists, numbering one hundred and five persons, who in 1607 made the settlement of James own. His early life had been given to the cause of freedom in the "low countries," where he had fought for the independence of the the parties of Hungary where there had long existed an hereditary warfare with the followers of Mahomet. It was there that the round Ecolish there that the young English cavalier distinguished himself by the bravest feats of arms in sight of Christians and feats of arms in sight of Christians and infidels, engaging fearlessly and always successfully in single combat with the Turk which from the days of the crussades had been warranted by the rules of chivalry. His signal prowess gained for him the favor of Sigismund Bathori, the unfortunate prince of Bushori, the unfortunate prince of taken up his residence and whither Bathori, the unfortunate prince of Transylvania. At length he with many others was overpowered in a sudden skirmish in the glens of Wallachia and was left severely wounded on the field of battle. A prisoner of war he was now according to the eastern custom offered for sale like a beast in the market place, and was sent to Constantinople as a slave. A Turkish lady had compassion on his misfortunes lady had compassion on his misfortunes

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and beard to be shaved. A ring o iron with a long crooked arm to it was riveted about his neck; and his clothes being taken from him be received as substitute a side of undressed skin and a rough coat made of the bair of the buffalo. The dwelling of this barsh mister was a castle large and strong. with many extensive enclosures about and surrounded by high stone walls. Upon the plantations of the es are at-ached to it were many Christian slaves, and besides these, near a hun dred Turkish convicts, sentenced to hard labor; and Smith as the last comer was regarded as the "slave of slaves" to them all. But this was a servitude which he did not long endure. His Turkish master one day, on a round of inspection, naving visited a farm house about a league from the castle where S ith was employed slone threshing out grain, in the excitement of the moment at the abusive treatment to which he was subjected, the new slave attacked the insolent Turk with his threshing bat and killed him on the spot. Having concealed the dead body under a stack of straw he dressed him self in the Turk's clothing and, filling a knapsack with provisions, mounted his dead master's horse and fled swiftly for bis journal and map remain to tell us of this accuracy as narrator and de most distinguished of the early planters of Virginia was a run-away slave. After wandering for two or three days Smith was for tunate to light upon the road or bridle path, rather, leading north toward the Russian frontier, and after traveling upon it for sixteen days, taking care all the while to avoid being observed, which in that deserted and unfrequented region was not a matter of much of the venture, but all his solicitude Batavian republic. As a traveler he difficulty, he reached a Muscovite gar-had roamed over France; had visited rison on the banks of the river Dou. Here again his knightly bearing, adroitthe shores of Egypt; had returned to the shores of Egypt; had returned to the shores of Egypt; had sought the shores and social accomplishments added ness and social accomplishments added to the recent perils and escape were at to his recent perils and escape were at once the passport for him to woman's sympathy and intercession. The governor of the place gave him a very hos pitable reception, and with friendly letters from governor to governor he

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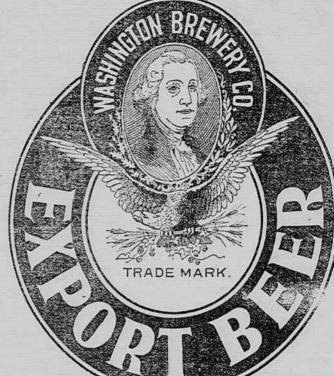
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